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(1) 6th Account and Report of Conservator, (2) Petition for Allowance of Attorney Fees

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			MARY MCCALL, Mother and Conservator, is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			Conservator, is Perilloner.	
			Current bond is \$473,149.00.	Note: The Court will set a status
			Content bond is \$47.0,147.00.	hearing for the filing of the 7 th
Cont. from			Account period: 6-20-12 through 6-30-14	Account on Thursday, 10-20-16.
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		·	,,
~	Verified		Accounting: \$727,600.26	
	Inventory		Beginning POH: \$663,437.54	
	PTC		Ending POH: \$685,701.58	
	Not.Cred.		(\$312,401.58 cash plus annuity)	
~	Notice of		Conservator: Waived	
	Hrg		Consolvator. Walved	
~	Aff.Mail	W	Attorney: \$2,000.00 (per Local Rule)	
	Aff.Pub.	, ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
	Sp.Ntc.		Petitioner states the Conservatee enjoys	
	Pers.Serv.		visiting her sister, niece and nephew in	
	Conf.		San Diego, and has flown there 10 times	
	Screen		in the past two years. The Conservator flies with her and pays her own air fare.	
	Letters		These visits are beneficial to the	
	Duties/Supp		Conservatee, as she only has one sibling	
	Objections		and visiting her family is in her best	
	Video		interest.	
	Receipt			
~	CI Report		Petitioner prays for an Order approving,	
~	2620(c)		allowing and settling the 6 th Account and authorizing attorney fees.	
~	Order		and domonizing anomey loos.	
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: skc
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 10-20-14
	UCCJEA			Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 2 - McCall

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Neilson, Bruce A., and Ivy, Scott J. (of Lang Richert & Patch, for Janette Courtney, Executor)

Status Hearing Re: Filing of the Inventory and Appraisal; Filing of First Account and/or Petition for Final Distribution

DOD: 6-9-11		
Cont. from 040813,		
062813, 072613,		
100413, 011714, 032114, 042514,		
060614, 072114,		
091814		
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JANETTE COURTNEY, was appointed Executor with Full IAEA without bond and Letters issued on 9-15-11.

Inventory and Appraisal Partial No. 1 filed 2-13-13 included commercial real property valued at \$250,000.00, which was sold pursuant to Order Confirming Sale of Real Property.

At hearing on 2-25-13, the Court set status hearing for 4-8-13 for the filing of the Final Inventory and Appraisal, filing of the first account, and/or petition for final distribution.

The status hearing for filing of the final Inventory and Appraisal has been continued to 6-28-13 and now 7-26-13.

Status Report filed 7-19-13 states:

- Petitioner has performed all required duties as personal representative
- All known debts have been paid except for mortgage on real property which has a market value below the mortgage amount
- All administration costs to date except for compensation to the personal representative and attorney have been paid
- The estate is solvent
- A creditor's claim filed by Steven Drummond has been rejected
- There is currently no pending litigation involving the estate; however, there is a potential claim against beneficiaries for recovery of a vehicle and reimbursement for sales tax paid
- The status of a business being operated by a beneficiary, and the estate's current interest therein, has yet to be determined/negotiated.
- It is estimated that an additional three (3) months will be needed to complete administration of the estate, unless litigation is needed to recover the vehicle.
- Petitioner requests authority to continue administration until 10-1-13.

Status Report filed 10/03/13 states: Since the prior status hearing the executor has been able to locate the Chevrolet Suburban, however it is damaged and towing and storage may be equal or more than the value. A compromise with the storage facility is being negotiated. Additionally, no paperwork has been located regarding the horse that a beneficiary claims belonged to the decedent and for which he is making a claim for care and feeding. The estate has rejected the claim. As to the real property in Mariposa, CA, it was thought that the bank was foreclosing on the property, but they have not. Time is requested to appraise and inventory this property and the Suburban as well as resolve the disposition of the horse.

NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMME NTS:

Minute Order 4-8-13: Mr. Keeler and Mr. Ivy are appearing via conference call. Mr. Ivy is directed to file a fully executed agreement with the court. Matter is set for Status Hearing on 5/24/13 regarding the settlement agreement and the dismissal. If the agreement and dismissal are filed by 5/24/13, no appearance will be necessary. The status hearing regarding the inventory and appraisal is continued to 6/28/13 for appearance by Mr. Neilson only. Set on 5/24/13 @ 9:00 a.m. Dept. 303 for: Status Hearing Re: Settlement Agreement and Dismissal

Note: Full and Complete Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of All Claims filed 4-11-13, and dismissal of petition filed by Dennis L. Thomas on 12-19-11 was entered on 5-1-13.

Minute Order 9-18-14: No appearances. Mr. Bruce A. Neilson is ordered to personally appear. Continued to 10-23-14 at 9:00 in Dept. 303.

Note: This is the 11th status hearing on this matter. As of 10-20-14, nothing further has been filed.

- 1. Need Final I&A.
- 2. Need First Account or Petition for Final Distribution pursuant to Probate Code §12200.

Reviewed by: skc
Reviewed on: 10-20-14

Updates:

Recommendation:

File 5 - Drummond

Atty Armo, Lance E., sole practitioner (for Petitioner Roger Day, Executor)

(1) Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account and (2) for Allowance of Compensation for Ordinary Services

DOD: 8/2/2006		ROGER DAY, son and Executor, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
Cont. from Aff.Sub.Wit.		Petitioner. Accounting is waived. I & A — \$190,000.00 POH — \$75,147.89 (all cash)	1. Final Inventory and Appraisal filed on 2/26/2013 is incomplete at Item 5 re: property tax certificate, as required by Probate Code § 8800(d). Need statement regarding Property Tax Certificate. (Revenue and Tax Code § 480.)
✓ ✓ ✓	PTC X Not.Cred. Notice of	Executor — waives Attorney — [\$3,480.00] (statutory)	2. Paragraph 12 of the Petition states the real property residence included on the Final Inventory and Appraisal filed 2/26/2013 valued at
✓ ————————————————————————————————————	Aff.Mail W/ Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv.	Distribution pursuant to Decedent's Will is to: ROGER DAY — [\$71,667.89 cash]	\$190,000.00 was sold during the proceedings by Notice of Proposed Action. Notice of Proposed Action filed 8/14/2014 states the real property was sold for \$87,000.00. Statutory fee base does not include
	Conf. Screen Letters 022513 Duties/Supp Objections		the \$103,000.00 loss on the sale of Decedent's real property pursuant to Probate Code §10810(b). Correct statutory fee calculates as \$3,480.00, resulting in a difference of \$3,220.00 requested in excess of the
	Video Receipt CI Report		allowable statutory fee amount. Need revised proposed order containing the correct statutory fee and distribution amounts.
✓ ✓	Order		
	Aff. Posting Status Rpt UCCJEA Citation		Reviewed by: LEG Reviewed on: 10/21/14 Updates: Recommendation:
✓	FTB Notice		File 6 – Day

Atty Fanucchi, Edward L. (for Administrator Isabel Diaz-Casillas)

(1) First and Final Account and Report of Personal Representative, Petition for Settlement (2) for Allowance of Attorneys' Fees for Ordinary Services, (3) Waiver of Commission, Costs, Reserve and (4) for Final Distribution to Verbal Testamentary Trust

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DOD: 1-17-13						
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	Aff.Sub.Wit.					
~	Verified					
~	Inventory					
	PTC	Χ				
>	Not.Cred.					
~	Notice of					
	Hrg					
~	Aff.Mail	W				
	Aff.Pub.					
	Sp.Ntc.					
	Pers.Serv.					
	Conf.					
	Screen					
~	Letters					
	Duties/Supp					
	Objections					
	Video					
	Receipt					
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ISABEL DIAZ-CASILLAS, Sister and Administrator with Full IAEA without bond, is Petitioner.

Account period: 1-18-13 through 6-30-14

Accounting: \$155,082.17 Beginning POH: \$155,082.17

Ending POH: \$119,894.35 (cash)

Administrator (Statutory): Waived

Attorney (Statutory): \$5,652.47

Closing: \$5,000.00

Petitioner states that pursuant to the wishes of the decedent prior to her death, it was her intention that the following assets be held in trust by Petitioner for the benefit of her two children and that funds be disbursed in the discretion of the trustee for the benefit of each child in an amount in the discretion of the trustee for the general welfare of said children and for payment of any debts owed by the decedent as a result of her death:

- a. Pension benefits payable to Gina Diaz (sister);
- Supplemental Life Insurance Policy with Symetra Life Insurance Company payable to Gina Diaz
- c. Basic Life Insurance Policy with Symetra Life Insurance Company payable to Isabel Diaz-Casillas

The funds referenced above are to be deposited in the trust account of Quinlan, Kershaw & Fanucchi, LLP, and funds are to be disbursed upon the authority of the trustee.

Distribution pursuant to "Agreement Re Verbal Testamentary Trust" is to: Isabel Diaz-Casillas, as Testamentary Trustee for Amando Montero: \$53,252.56; Isabel Diaz-Casillas, as Testamentary Trustee

for Jessica Montero Hinojosa: \$54, 692.82

NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

OFF CALENDAR

Amended petition filed 10-16-14 is set for hearing on 12-3-14

Note: Nunc Pro Tunc Consent of Designated Beneficiary to Probate of Assets and Distribution to Trust for Children of Decedent was filed 10/6/2014 by the following persons:

- Isabel Diaz-Casillas, sister of Decedent;
- Dina Diaz, sister of Decedent.

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Recommendation:
File 11 – Lujan

11 Patricia Lujan (Estate)

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- 1. Petitioner states that prior to the decedent's death, the decedent stated that it was her intention that certain assets be held in trust for her two children (who are adults), including:
 - a. Pension benefits <u>payable to Gina Diaz</u> (the decedent's sister) in the net amount of \$8,853.55, after deduction of \$2,770.10 for federal income taxes withheld, and in the net amount of \$2,770.10, after deduction of \$692.52 for federal income taxes withheld;

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- b. Supplemental Life Insurance Policy with Symetra Life Insurance Company <u>payable to Gina Diaz</u> (the decedent's sister) in the amount of \$60,093.70; and
- c. Basic Life Insurance Policy with Symetra Life Insurance Company payable to Isabel Diaz-Casillas (Petitioner) in the amount of \$75,117.12.

These cash assets were inventoried by the Administrator as assets of the estate on the I&A filed 9-4-13 pursuant to Probate Code §8901; however, these accounts had beneficiary designations.

Petitioner is the designated beneficiary of the Symetra Basic Life Insurance Policy. Is it correct to assume that by this petition, Petitioner consents to the probate of this asset as an asset of the estate?

Gina Diaz, the decedent's other sister, however, is the designated beneficiary of the Symetra Supplemental Life Insurance Policy and the EOC Pension benefits. Gina Diaz has not signed any consent to include these assets as assets of the estate, or to the "Agreement" that would allow these accounts to be probated and distributed ultimately to other beneficiaries.

Need authority for including the assets that designate Gina Diaz as beneficiary as assets of the estate.

2. Petitioner titles her declaration regarding the decedent's intent as "Agreement Re Verbal Testamentary Trust," and requests distribution pursuant thereto.

However, there is no such thing as a "verbal testamentary trust." A testamentary trust is a trust created by a will. See §17300. The decedent died intestate. Therefore, any distribution of estate assets would be pursuant to intestate succession, or beneficiary designation, pursuant to clarification of #1 above.

Further, the "Agreement" is signed only by Petitioner and although it includes a statement that the decedent verbally stated certain wishes, it does not provide details that would be relevant to the establishment of an oral trust in accordance with Probate Code §15207, and this petition has not been brought under that section. For example, no information is provided regarding the specific circumstances of how or when the decedent verbally made these statements, which appear to be very specific, yet contrary to the beneficiary designations that were previously in existence.

If Petitioner is alleging that an oral trust was created by the decedent prior to her death, it would need to be separately established under proper authority by clear and convincing evidence, and then Petitioner could theoretically request distribution of the estate pursuant to such previously established trust.

Alternatively, if the beneficiaries (Isabel Diaz-Casillas and Gina Diaz) and intestate heirs (Armando Montero and Jessica Montero Hinojosa) wish to make an agreement regarding the inclusion of certain assets in this probate estate and distribution pursuant to such agreement, an amended petition may be appropriate; however, whatever form such agreement takes, it would not be considered a "verbal testamentary trust."

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3. Bank of America filed a creditor's claim \$32,911.04, which was rejected per Rejection filed 9-23-13. However, Petitioner does not state whether any lawsuit resulted from the claim/rejection pursuant to Cal. Rules of Court 7.403.

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In the petition, Petitioner states that this claim was for a second deed of trust on real property "which <u>was lost</u> to foreclosure." However, the petition does not state <u>when</u> the property was lost to foreclosure. Was it was prior to or after the decedent's death in <u>January 2013</u>? In the "Agreement" signed by Petitioner in <u>June 2013</u>, Petitioner states the residence "<u>is currently in proceedings</u> for a Trustee's sale," which indicates that the real property was not yet foreclosed, and was owned by the decedent at her death and therefore should have been inventoried as an asset on the I&A.

Need verified statement regarding whether any action was taken by the creditor upon rejection of the claim, and clarification re the real property. If the property was not foreclosed, what actions were taken, if any, with regard to the property?

- 4. Petitioner did not answer #5 on the I&A re Property Tax Certificate. Need verified statement regarding the requirements of R&T Code §480.
- 5. The disbursements schedule indicates that Petitioner made numerous "advances" to the decedent's two children as trustee of the "trust" without Court authorization in violation of Probate Code §11620. Jessica Hinojosa has received \$10,559.74 and Armando Montero has received \$10,000.00, plus \$2,116.68 for funeral expenses (not itemized) plus \$2,000.00 paid to McCormick Barstow on Armando Montero's behalf (without explanation).
- 6. Petitioner does not address whether notice was required to the Director of the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board pursuant to Probate Code §9202(b).

<u>Note</u>: Based on the above issues, the Court may strike any language approving the acts and transactions of the personal representative.

- 7. Petitioner requests to retain a reserve amount of \$5,000.00 for closing expenses; however, Petitioner does not indicate what liabilities may be determined to be due. It appears from the disbursements schedule that the decedent's final taxes have been completed. The Court may require clarification regarding the purpose of the reserve, and, consistent with the Court's recent practice, if Court determines an informal accounting of the closing reserve is warranted, Court will set a Status Hearing as follows:
 - Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 303 for an Informal Accounting of the \$5,000.00 Closing Reserve.

Pursuant Local Rule 7.5, if the document noted above is filed 10 days prior to the date listed, the hearing will be taken off calendar and no appearance will be required. Filing of the informal accounting of closing reserve will not generate a new hearing date.

Atty Atty Greenwood, Anthony Dean (pro per Petitioner) Greenwood, Kimberli E. (pro per Petitioner)

Petition to Establish Fact of Marriage

		ANTHONY GREENWOOD and KIMBERLI	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		GREENWOOD, are petitioners.	
Co	nt. from 100914	Petitioners request the Court establish fact, date and place of their marriage as follows:	
Aff.Sub.Wit.		July 15, 1989 In Los Angeles County California.	
	Verified	California.	
✓		Petitioners state a certified copy of the	
	Inventory	official record cannot be found after a	
	PTC	search done through the Los Angeles County	
	Not.Cred.	Recorder's Office.	
	Notice of	Verified Declaration of Shirley Simmons-Keith	
l	Hrg	states that she was a witness to the	
	Aff.Mail N/A	exchange of vows between then Kimberli	
	Aff.Pub.	Bell and Anthony Greenwood. She signed	
	Sp.Ntc.	the marriage license and served as the Maid	
	Pers.Serv.	of Honor at their wedding on July 15, 1989.	
	Conf.	Politic pare request the Court establish the	
	Screen	Petitioners request the Court establish the fact of marriage of Anthony Greenwood	
	Letters	and Kimberli Greenwood on July 15, 1989 in	
	Duties/Supp	Los Angeles County, California.	
	Objections		
	Video	<u>Update</u> : Declaration filed 10-20-14 states that	
	Receipt	a marriage license was obtained in July 1989	
	CI Report	through Norwalk County Recorder's Office, but their personal copy is lost. After	
	9202	unsuccessful attempts to regain a copy from	
✓	Order	Vital Records in Sacramento and Los Angeles	
	Aff. Posting	Counties for a year, they were given replies	Reviewed by: KT
	Status Rpt	of "no record on file" in either office. The	Reviewed on: 10/21/14 (skc)
	UCCJEA	Sacramento office explained that records from 1988 to 2005 were found to be difficult	Updates:
	Citation	to obtain, and they were instructed to file this	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice	petition.	File 22 - Greenwood
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